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Coffee County Revenue Commissioner reports countywide increase in tax collections for year

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission met Monday morning, May 24, for its regular meeting, and Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns addressed commissioners noting it had been an excellent year for property tax collections.

Burns attended the meeting to report the errors, litigations, and insolvents for the year. After he presented those numbers, commissioners approved the report, a requirement by law. He then noted it had been a really good year.

Comparing last year to this year, Burns said last year the county collected \$18,226,350.53 total and this year \$19,057,910.25 was collected. He said that was an overall increase of 4.3 percent.

He continued saying this year the state's portion saw an increase of 3.8 percent; the schools [which do not participate in abatements] saw an increase of 5.61 percent; the county general fund had an increase of 3.9 percent; and the road and bridge fund also had a 3.9 percent increase. Kinston had an 8.4 percent increase in collections this year, New Brockton had an increase of 12.1 percent, Elba had an increase of 13.8 percent, and Enterprise had an increase of 4.1 percent.

"This was an amazing year," Burns said.

He noted fire fees for Coffee County were only down by a very small

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Residential Garbage
Collection Service will
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amount, and collector fees were down 11 percent. He said it is a good thing when collector fees are down because that means more property owners paid their taxes on time resulting in smaller collection fees on past due accounts.

When asked what he thought contributed to the increases, Burns said basically new construction in the county along with increased population.

"This is my 42nd year in office, and it has been a wonderful time," Burns said. "I have one of the best staffs in Coffee County, and two of the best chief clerks anywhere."

Commissioner Jim Thompson thanked Burns and his staff for all they do for Coffee County.

County administrator added to Burns' comments regarding the growing population for Coffee County saying the county is the 12th fastest growing in the state, and that trend is anticipated to continue through 2040. Also, he said Coffee

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Elba City Council votes to apply for sidewalk grant

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba City Council meeting Monday night, May 24, the council revisited a topic that had been previously discussed.

During the May 10th council meeting, city engineer DeAnn Grantham informed council members of an opportunity to once again apply for a sidewalk grant that would create a safe walking environment from the downtown area to the new shopping district on Hwy 203 [new Hwy. 84]. During that meeting, the council asked Grantham to get back to them with some figures on the potential project.

Monday night, Mayor Tom Maddox said the figures for the project came back much higher than he had anticipated, but he said he felt it might still be something to consider.

He said if the grant application were to be submitted and approved, the city's portion of the project funding would be around \$220,000.

"I was thinking about Claxton Avenue being a sort of gateway to the city," Maddox said. "I think if we promote that, asking travelers to turn [at the Claxton intersection] to come into downtown Elba, and seeing this sidewalk along with the repaved streets, it might be worth the investment."

Maddox said the new sidewalk would basically

run from the Subway area down to Dairy Queen, tying the two shopping districts together.

After a lengthy discussion, council member Johnathan Lockett made a motion to submit the grant application for the sidewalk project. His motion received the necessary second, and it was approved with no opposition.

Even if approved for the grant, it would still be up to the council as to whether they want to accept it or not.

Police Lt. Russ Young attended the meeting on behalf of Police Chief Leslie Hussey, and he reported business as usual for the department.

Young did have one request for the council. He asked for permission to declare as surplus several old departmental vehicles and sell them, potentially via GovDeals.com. The vehicles included: a 2005 Ford Explorer, two 2013 Dodge Chargers, a 2014 Dodge Charger, a 2001 Ford Explorer, and a 2008 Dodge Charger.

Young said these vehicles are no longer in use, and most of the equipment already had been removed from the vehicles. He said one vehicle did not even have an engine any longer.

The council approved the request. Young said the police department would

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The Coffee County Commission extended accolades Monday morning, May 24, to the Elba High School Golf Team on the team's recent state championship win for the Alabama High School Athletic Association's Class 1A/2A boys division. The team, including senior John Martin Wilson, juniors Collin Sauls, Paxton Wise, Carson Wise, and Peyton McCart, and Coach Mark Wicker, were recognized during the meeting and presented a resolution from the Coffee County Commission honoring them for their success this season. The resolution read and presented by Commission Chairman Dean Smith indicated the team represented Coffee County with considerable distinction, sportsmanship, and class on their way to winning Elba High School's first ever golf team championship. The resolution further noted that senior John Martin Wilson had won the individual low medalist trophy in the state tournament by posting a two under par top score for Class 1A/2A. State Representative Rhett Marques also was in attendance for this presentation, and he too extended congratulations to the team/school for the championship win. Those pictured above include (from left): Rep. Rhett Marques, Carson Wise, Peyton McCart, John Martin Wilson, Paxton Wise, Collin Sauls, Coach Mark Wicker, and Coffee County Commission Chairman Dean Smith.

Elba Police arrest female subject on multiple charges

Elba Police received a call for 'citizen assist' on Saturday, May 22, at 3:55 p.m., and this incident resulted in an Elba woman being arrested on multiple charges.

According to Coffee County Jail records, Jessica Putnam, age 38, of Elba was arrested and charged by Elba Police with four violations, including harassing communications (\$500 bond), possession of marijuana - second degree (\$1,000 bond), possession of a controlled substance (\$2,500 bond), and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia (\$1,000 bond). She was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 4:35 p.m. on Saturday.

Jail records further showed that Putnam was released Monday, May 24, at 4:15 p.m. on bond.



Elba BOE members approve multiple personnel matters during May's board meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Board of Education met Tuesday evening, May 18, for the board's regular monthly meeting, and with end of the year upon them, the board members found themselves being asked to approve several personnel recommendations.

Superintendent Chris Moseley had a long list of personnel matters to discuss with the board, including

retirements, resignations, hires, and transfers. Upon his recommendation [along with the recommendation of the school principal or department head], the board approved the following:

- Retirement of Martha Crawford, business tech teacher at Elba High School, effective in December

- Resignations for high school teachers Ashley Chappell [math], Amanda Martin [English], Robin Mitchell [family and consumer science], and Amber Thomas [English]; and for elementary teacher Brenda Skinner [EES reading specialist]

- Employments of new high school teachers Anna Danford [special education], Ronald Floyd [math], Alissa Haynes [English], Catherine Payne [math], and Stephanie Wright [business tech]; and new elementary school teachers Abbey Bedsole, Robyn Reinsour, and Wendy Simmons

- System Transfers for Madison Johnson [from intervention to English teacher at the high school], Sheila Johnson [from EES teacher to family and consumer science teacher at the high school], and Sasha O'Neal [from EES teacher to reading specialist for the elementary school]

- CNP employments of Jamaica Davis at the elementary school, and Ronda Robinson at the high school.

Also, during the board meeting, the new board officers for the year were nominated and approved. Serving as the board president for the next year will be DeAnn Grantham. The vice president of the board will be Greg Sowell.

The Pre-K program had a special presentation for the board during the meeting. Students and teachers from the early education program "showed off" some class projects they had completed as part of their curriculum this school year.

The 2020-2021 school year ended earlier this week. Moseley said it had been a good year for the Elba School System.

During Elba Water & Electric meeting

Board members learn of positive ADEM visit

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba Water and Electric monthly meeting Monday night, May 24, Elba City Clerk Sally Bane said ADEM [Alabama Department of Environmental Management] officials were in Elba on Friday, May 21, due to a complaint.

She said the complaint came from the Taylor Avenue area of the city, where ADEM had received complaints of low water pressure and murky water. She said Elba officials and the ADEM officials were inspecting the station that services the Taylor Avenue area when the ADEM officials came up with an idea they thought might help with water pressure in the area.

Bane said the city's engineer was contacted and agreed to try the potential fix. From there, the contrac-

tor already in Elba working on a water project was asked to stop the job being worked on at that time and go to the

Taylor Avenue area to perform the task to try and fix the water pressure issue.

"That has helped with water pressure in that area," Bane said. "They are still complaining, however, of murky water. We want to solve this issue as it has been a long, long process."

Bane said water department officials had spoken with ADEM previously regarding this complaint, and the employees had tried every possible solution that

"That went really well," Elba City Clerk Sally Bane said regarding ADEM visit and annual review last Friday. "We were happy to have ADEM here and were excited to hear what they had to say. We feel it was a very positive visit."

the standards, and it is still testing within the standards. That doesn't mean, however, that it can't be improved. We are continuing to ask for ADEM's guidance on this matter, and we are willing to try anything to help improve the matter."

While in Elba, Bane said the ADEM officials went ahead and completed Elba's annual inspection.

"That went really well," she said. "We were happy to have ADEM here and were excited to hear what they

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Area Happenings

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day. There will be standby crews for any emergency with electric, water, street, or sewer. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555. The garbage truck will run its normal schedule.

THE ELBA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER will be closed Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day.

COFFEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL HOLD THEIR MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, June 9, at the Coffee County Extension Office, 1055 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton. The meeting will start at 9 a.m. A limited number of people can be in the room, so, if planning to attend, call 334-894-5581 x3 prior to the meeting.

NOTICE:

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Monday, May 31, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want — oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!" — Mark Twain

Elba native Rachel (Coward) Oliver has made quite a name for herself in the decorating world. Living in the Atlanta, GA area positions her in just the right place to get lots of folks, both commercial and residential, needing just the right chair, picture on the wall, etc. It also brings her to the attention of folks filming TV specials. She has done these before but her latest stuff will be televised in June. We have our ears to the ground and will properly announce the time and networks carrying the Rachel special. If you want a bit faster schedule, her parents, right here in Elba — Bill and Jeannette Cowart — might give you a day or so quicker update.

We read with excitement the headlines in one of the several daily news bulletins that hit our in-box that the experts gave a man the ability to again see with genetic mutations in the eyes. Well after following through with a deeper reading on another website, the technology is far above our grade level — thus you will have to do your own research to understand what is happening. Apparently they inject some unique gene(s) into the eyeball, then the patient wears a special pair of goggles and can begin to see objects — a bit fuzzy but after eons of seeing nothing, it excites the sightless individual. We did understand from our reading that these experts expect to get better results with fine tuning of their techniques. We salute the efforts of these and others who spend years dogging a serious problem with determined efforts to help fellow humans overcome their physical and mental problem.

It is easy to skim over reports of defective bridges all across the nation. All of us have heard those comments and most are as guilty as yours truly in ignoring the warnings. However when we see pictures of major cracks in bridge structures such as the recent incident in Tennessee, that resulted in an emergency closing of a major traffic artery, it is past time to pay attention to these warnings. We can blame the bridge inspector and he is apparently guilty, but it is not only the inspector, but those of us who grunt and move on to something else. It is time to delay 'bridges to nowhere' as the one in Alaska and spend those funds on making the existing roads and bridges safer.

It is necessary to acknowledge that city employees did mow the grass on the levee within the last week. As was noted in this slot last week, prep work had already been done on the trim work. Now is a great time for citizens to take a stroll along a section or the whole thing if you need some exercise and peace of mind and enjoy the outdoors. With the summer arriving we might suggest an early morning stroll, or as an alternate, a late afternoon relaxed "tiptoe through the daises."

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- ~ Hwy 141 & County Rd 408

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, May 18, 2021, and Monday, May 24, 2021, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, May 18 — Animal complaint reported at 14293 Hwy 84 (3:31 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 1415 Jones St (5:17 p.m.); Reckless driver reported at 221 Davis St E (7:00 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at Hwy 84 and County Rd 505 (7:07 p.m.); Shots fired reported

on Thomas St (7:27 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1605 Gibson St (8:52 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 219 Davis St E (10:35 p.m.); Theft of property reported on Dr Roberts Dr (10:39 p.m.); Drug activity reported on Tucker Ave (11:51 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date for investigative purposes.

Wednesday, May 19 — Animal complaint reported at 14283 Hwy 84 (8:42 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1801 Reese Ave

— animal impound (8:55 a.m.); Burglary reported on Collier St (9:18 p.m.); Theft of services reported at 149 Stroud Ave (11:42 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1157 Morrow Ave (11:50 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 712 Troy Hwy (1:30 p.m.); Assault reported on Simmons St (2:40 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 209 Plant Ave (6:27 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Reese Ave (9:09 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at County Rd 239 and Smith Ave (10:06 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date with a written warning issued.

Thursday, May 20 — Suspicious vehicle reported at 221 Davis St E (4:49 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 1020 Martin Luther King Dr (7:07 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 203 S of INZI — a verbal warning given to the driver (7:57 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1510 Sequoia Dr (8:22 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1006 Payne St (4:57 p.m.); Man with a gun reported on Jones St (6:17 p.m.); Assault reported at 1415 Jones St (6:34 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Kendrick St (7:42 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date with a verbal warning to the driver.

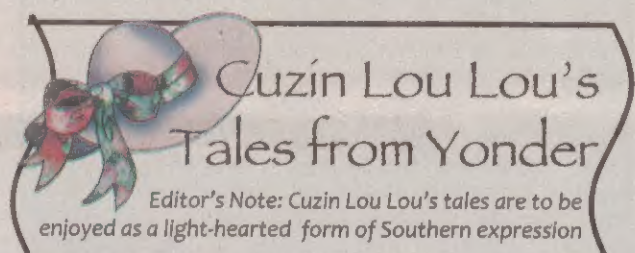
Friday, May 21 — Suspicious circumstances reported at 342 Brunson Circle (12:19 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 885 Cedar Lane Dr (1:05 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Hwy 84/Hwy 87 (3:26 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1223 Neil Grantham Dr — animal impound (9:11 a.m.); Road blockage reported at 747 West St (12:06 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported

at 1280 Hwy 203 (7:45 p.m.); Harassment reported at 529 Claxton Ave N (8:38 p.m.); Fight reported at 4035 Hwy 125 (8:43 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 4035 Hwy 125 (9:42 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 121 Newton St (10:56 p.m.). There were seven traffic stops on this date with five citations issued, and two verbal warnings.

Saturday, May 22 — Suspicious circumstances reported at 315 Sawyer St (12:23 a.m.); Prowler reported on Adkinson Ave (12:35 a.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 1237 Jones Circle (8:43 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 — a citation was issued to the driver (10:32 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 775 Claxton Ave N (1:34 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 731 West St (6:46 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 304 Simmons St (7:42 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 702 Newton St (8:09 p.m.); Noise complaint reported at 890 Cedar Lane Dr (11:02 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date with two citations issued, and one written warning.

Sunday, May 23 — Theft of property reported at 702 Newton St (2:18 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 702 Newton St (9:47 p.m.). There were two traffic stops on this date with written warnings issued.

Monday, May 24 — Reckless driver reported at 1584 Caroline St (12:50 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 315 Sawyer St (1:13 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Hwy 203 (2:21 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 315 Sawyer St (3:15 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 4035 Hwy 125 (8:16 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 211 Adkinson Ave (11:09 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1033 Morrow Ave (3:25 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 189 (7:00 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 211 Plant Ave (8:36 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 1222 Hickman Ave (8:36 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 702 Newton St (10:00 p.m.); Noise complaint reported on Mullins Circle (11:38 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date with a citation issued.



Cuzin Lou Lou attended a high school graduation earlier this week. It was a 9 a.m. start, which generally would mean 'get it done before it gets too hot!' But, that was not the case on this particular day!!

It was blazing hot before the service was over by 10 a.m., and Lou Lou had sweat rolling down places she did not even realize sweat could reach!!

After the graduation ceremony it was a quick trip home to get clean 'for a second time that day' before heading back to the office. Had Lou Lou not made that unscheduled trip home, she probably would have been run out of the office!

Lou Lou did make one good decision [actually two] before heading into the stadium for said graduation. She purchased a good and cold water prior to going, and then she parked in a shade once she arrived at the school. All that allowed a very hot, and sweaty Lou

Lou to quickly rehydrate once she got back in the car! Thank goodness the shade helped to keep the water cool! You can bet your last dollar Lou Lou was thanking the Lord for that one!!

It was all worth it though, and Lou Lou would do it again to watch "one of her own" graduate from high school. He's not hers by blood, but he's hers all the same, and proud is an understatement.

Oh, and if you have ever wondered if one can get his/her tan on that early in the morning...well, the answer is absolutely YES! Just ask Lou Lou if you can take a look at 'farmers tan' arm!!

Lou Lou's got one more graduation later this week for another of 'her special youngins.' This one is in the evening, however, so maybe the night air will be kinder to the 'ole girl!

Summer is definitely just around the corner.

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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Coffee County has the 8th highest median salary for workers in the state.

Morgan said he feels those are contributing factors to the growth Coffee County is experiencing.

In other business, commissioners approved a request from the county administrator to purchase four new residential garbage trucks for the county. The total purchase price is \$1,035,649.24, which will be financed through Bancorp South at a 2.29 percent rate for five years [with annual payments in arrears].

Commissioners also approved a motion, upon the request of environmental services coordinator Mike Thornton, to award

a landfill alternative daily cover bid along with a landfill paper mulch bid.

Coffee county EMA director James Brown reminded all that hurricane season would begin June 1st and continue through Nov. 30th. He said weather experts are predicting an above average season anticipating 13-20 named storms, 6-10 hurricanes, and 3-5 major hurricanes.

"Remember, it only takes one of these to affect us and cause major damage," Brown said. "Have a plan now and be ready."

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, June 14, at 9 a.m., in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

ADEM

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had to say. We feel it was a very positive visit."

She said nothing that has to do with the integrity of the system or the quality of services seemed off during the ADEM visit.

Bane said she had not received the official letter from ADEM on the visit, but she would make sure board members got a copy once it did arrive.

Also during the water and electric board meeting, voted to allow the chair and attorney investigate what it would take to move the sewer services under the

helm of the water and electric board. Currently, sewer is under the helm of the city.

The city council also approved a similar motion during its meeting earlier in the evening.

The board also approved a motion to extend job offers to new potential employees with supervisory roles for the water and sewer services. In line with that, another motion was passed to amend the water and electric budget to allow for a truck to be purchased for use by these services.

ADEM

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be asking to surplus more vehicles soon.

In her report, city clerk Sally Bane noted the Elba Public Library is gearing up for the Summer Learning Program. She said registration is underway now. Any questions should be directed to the library staff.

The Elba Splash Pad will open Friday, May 28, just in time for the Memorial Day holiday weekend. Bane said the Splash Pad is typically closed on Mondays; however, it will be open this upcoming Monday for Memorial Day.

Bane said the recreation department would be hosting a district 'coach pitch' tour-

namant at Hawkins-Williams Park, beginning June 10th.

Also, registration is getting underway for fall youth football and cheerleading. Call the Elba Parks and Recreation at (334) 897-6833 for more information.

The city clerk said the ongoing sewer and water projects remain underway in the city. She said the contractor working on the sewer project says the July completion date remains on target.

Additional upcoming events mentioned by Bane include the Juneteenth Celebration on June 19th at Mulberry Park, and the Let Freedom Ring event set for Saturday, July 3rd.

Coffee Grounds: From the mug to the garden

Alabama Extension officials offer ways to use old coffee grounds

After enjoying a hot cup of joe in the morning, what can be done with all of the used coffee grounds? Throwing them away just creates extra waste to dispose of later. Instead of aiming for the trashcan, shoot straight for the garden.

There are several creative ways to reuse coffee grounds in the garden.

Usage
Bethany O'Rear, an Alabama Extension home grounds, gardens and home pests regional agent, said coffee grounds can be used in the garden as mulch or as a great addition to the compost pile. Not only does coffee fuel you, but it can fuel your plants as well.

Mulch
Used coffee grounds are great to use as a mulch for the garden. However, in order to use them as mulch, gardeners will have to add an extra

layer of another mulching material.

"The additional layer prevents the coffee grounds from becoming compacted," O'Rear said.

First, add approximately ½ inch of grounds as the first layer. Both freshly used grounds and composted grounds can be used for the mulch. Then, add another layer of organic mulch, such as pine straw or pine bark, on top of the grounds.

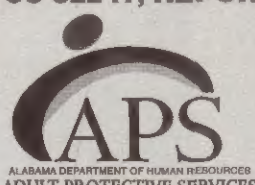
Composting
In addition to being used for mulch, coffee grounds are a good addition to composting piles.

According to O'Rear, using grounds in composting is typically the most commonly used method for reusing coffee grounds for garden purposes. This compost can in-turn be used as mulch, as mentioned above, or as an addition to garden soils to add needed nutrients.

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

ANDREW GORDON CUMBY

Mr. Andrew Gordon Cumby, age 37, of Dothan, Ala., died Friday, May 21, 2021, at his residence in Dothan.

Graveside services were held May 24, 2021 from the Ino

Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Garry Winstead officiating. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba served the Cumby family.

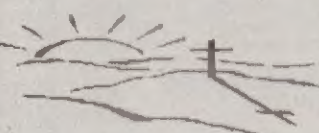
He was preceded in death by his sister, Jessica Farmer of Dothan.

Survivors include his mother: Rhonda Jewel, Dothan; and father: Watson (Sandra) Cumby Jr., Columbus, Ga.

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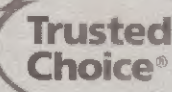
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Must I Use the Cemetery That's Associated with My Funeral Home?

Here's a scenario that occasionally comes up in the funeral planning process: There is a particular funeral home you wish to help you with the service, but you don't want to be limited in your choice of cemeteries. What many families want to know is, is it required to use the cemetery that's associated with the chosen funeral home?

Thankfully, this isn't something you will have to deal with too often; today, the overwhelming majority of funeral homes are independent, meaning they can work with any cemetery in the area, and don't have a single cemetery they are associated with. Indeed, this is one of the primary reasons to work with an independent funeral home—they can coordinate services with any cemetery of your choosing.

As for cases where the funeral home you choose does have its own cemetery, that's usually not something you'll have to worry about. The role of the funeral home is to help you through the necessary arrangements and to ensure you get the kind of service that truly honors your departed loved one. It is almost unheard of for any funeral home to require the use of a particular cemetery.

The bottom line for those who have recently experienced a loss: You probably have a specific way in which you hope to honor the life and memory of your loved one, and a good funeral home can provide you with the options you need to do so. Contact a local funeral home director with any additional questions or concerns.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at
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USDA to begin loan payments to socially disadvantaged borrowers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency (FSA) today published the first notice of funding availability (NOFA) (PDF, 242 KB) announcing loan payments for eligible borrowers with qualifying direct farm loans under the American Rescue Plan Act Section 1005. USDA expects payments to begin in early June and continue on a rolling basis. A subsequent notice address-

ances and direct loans that no longer have collateral and have been previously referred to the Department of Treasury for debt collection for offset, will be published within 120 days.

"The American Rescue Plan has made it possible for USDA to deliver historic debt relief to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers beginning in June," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

Section 1005 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) provides funding and authorization for USDA FSA to pay up to 120 percent of direct and guaranteed loan outstanding balances as of January 1, 2021, for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers as defined in Section 2501(a) of the Food, Agriculture Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 2279(a)). Section 2501(a) defines a socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher as a farmer or rancher who is a member of a socially disadvantaged group, which is further defined as a group whose members have been subjected to racial or ethnic prejudice because of their identity as members of a group without regard to their individual qualities. Qualifying loans as part of today's announcement are certain direct loans under the Farm Loan Programs (FLP) and Farm Storage Facility Loan Program (FSFL).

Sections 1005 and 1006 of ARPA provide USDA with new tools to address longstanding inequities for socially disadvantaged borrowers. Section 1006 of ARPA provides additional funding to begin long-term racial equity work within USDA, including to address heirs property claims and to stand up an Equity Commission to identify barriers to access USDA programming.

To learn more about the loan payments to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, visit www.farmers.gov/americanrescueplan.

PASTOR'S CORNER

by W.K. Ellison, Pastor

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DON'T STOP PRAYING
Is. 62:6-8

The prophet Isaiah declares that he is committed to continuing prophesying and praying until he sees the promises of God fulfilled. He will take no rest until there is manifestation of the promises of God.

He then encourages the watchmen posted upon the wall to never hold their peace day nor night. Praying and calling out to God, reminding God to remember his promises to his people. The watchmen that were posted on the wall are those who are called to be intercessors; the ones he assigned to guard the promises with prayer, crying unto God for deliverance from the present conditions until he answers. What are they to pray? They are to pray the promises and not the conditions.

God had revealed what he was going to do through prophecy. Prophecy must be accompanied with prayer until the manifestation. Many times, when we receive prophecies, we rejoice and wait for the manifestation. Frustration soon sets in because it not manifested in the time frame we expected. One of the reasons is that when God gives the word of prophecy we do not guard or protect it with prayer. It's followed up with expectation, which is good but it's not enough.

Lastly, Isaiah instructed the watchmen to give God no rest, until he establishes it and until he makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. He says, the Lord had sworn by his right hand and by the arm of his strength to perform the promises of the prophecies.

This is the pray stance that God is instructing us to take. Stay on the wall; guard the prophecy with prayer; don't stop calling out and reminding God of what he promised. Give him no rest, until he establishes it.

God never instructed us to pray our problems; but he instructs us to pray his promises and don't stop praying until He DOES IT.

*** Special thanks to Supt. W.K. Ellison of Harris Temple COGIC for authoring the Pastor's Corner feature this month. In June, the author of the feature will be Rev. Jeremie Turner, pastor of Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church.*

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CHURCH and COMMUNITY

Westside Baptist Church VBS
planned for week of June 7-11

Westside Baptist Church in Elba will host "Big Fish Bay" Vacation Bible School, June 7th-11th from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. each day.

VBS is open to all children ages 3 through just completed sixth grade.

There will be a family lunch to celebrate the conclusion of VBS on Friday, June 11th.

For more information and to pre-register, check out the post on the church Facebook page [Westside Baptist Church].

Basin Baptist Church to host VBS in June

Basin Baptist Church, located at 9757 Hwy. 189 S, Elba, Ala., will host Vacation Bible School this June!

VBS will be June 13 - 17 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. each night. It will conclude with Family Night on Friday, June 18, at 6 p.m.

There will be classes for children ages Pre-K through 6th grade. The theme is "Rocky Railway."

ALEA offers safe boating tips

Following are some important safety tips from ALEA's Marine Patrol Troopers to help keep you and your family safe this summer:

- Holidays are not the time for novice boaters to learn to operate their crafts. New operators should consider attending an in-person boating-safety class prior to going to the water.
- Be mindful of other boaters. Avoid passing too closely to boats in motion, boats at idle and individuals in the water.
- Boaters should avoid the use of alcoholic beverages or use the designated operator system.
- When towing or pulling individuals on tubes or water skis, avoid spending prolonged periods in small areas. Look for calm, open water where boating traffic is light.
- Everyone should wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved PFD (life vest) when under way, particularly at night. Operators are responsible for everyone on board and should ensure all passengers know where PFDs are stored, how to reach them quickly and how to use them properly.
- Children younger than age 8 are required to wear PFDs at all times (unless inside a permanently affixed cabin enclosure). They also should wear PFDs that are the appropriate size.
- All individuals being pulled by a vessel on water

skis, tubes or other aquaplaning devices also are required to wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved PFDs.

- Operators must follow the capacity-plate requirements and never overload vessels beyond recommended safe-carrying capacity. These restrictions will include the weight of equipment and all individuals on board.
- Under Alabama law, canoes, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards are considered to be vessels and are subject to PFD requirements. There must be one U.S. Coast Guard-approved PFD on board for each occupant; and children younger than age 8 on board these crafts are required to have them on at all times.
- Vessels passing head-on must keep to the right. In a narrow channel, vessels will keep to the right of mid-channel.
- Vessels passing or approaching another vehicle must be operated in such a manner and at such a rate of speed that will not create a hazardous wash or wake.
- Avoid boating at night unless familiar with the body of water. Then, operate at a reduced, safe speed. Make sure all navigation lights are in proper working order and displayed properly. For more information from ALEA's Marine Patrol Division, visit Safe Boating | Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (alea.gov).

Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: Prayer for Relief from Adversaries. Psalm 70:1-5

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Winston Tyrone Kelley Jr., Rev. Fred/ Sis. Annie Flowers, Brittany Woodfolk Gilliam, Clarice Fitch, Corene Daniels, Vincent Smith, Dwight Belcher, Helen Thigpen, Corene Wilkerson

dictator. Israel was not at war with a nonexistent country but had been freed from a world power (Egypt). Israel was a land of milk and honey, not cookie dough! Baugh may pretend to be a sovereign ruler, but God's people need not pretend. We are ruled by the Almighty God. There is no one like Him! - J.E.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 5/27/21

Q: The author questions the leaders of Israel regarding their practice of

A: Justice [Micah 3:1]

Q: Actions that the Lord required are to do justly, love, mercy, and walk

A: Humbly [Micah 6:8]

Q: God will not give His to another.

A: Glory [Isaiah 42:8]

Thought to Remember

To reject God is to accept Hell while it's Hot

Questions for the Week of 6/3/21

Multiple Choice

Q: Who saw David dancing? (Saul) (Michal) (Jonathan)

Q: How many times did Satan tempt Jesus in the wilderness? (once) (thrice) (five times)

Q: What daily provision did Jesus say to pray for? (bread) (wages) (rent money)

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue



Church Directory

<p>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN</p> <p>ABUNDANT GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH Rockey Pearce, Pastor Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala. Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Harry Driggers, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Sam Self, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BETHEL AME CHURCH Deborah A. Butler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>BETHELEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH Greg Cotter, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Disciple Train... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH Remona Smith, Pastor Church Service... 9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH Larry Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH Diana White, Pastor Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Fellowship... 9:45 a.m. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities)... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Steve Watson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training... 5:00 p.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>EAON BAPTIST CHURCH Mark Ward, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Phillip Box, Minister Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD David Noble, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY H.L. Buckner, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m. Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD Dwight Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Steve Reneau, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Lovell Martin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Timothy Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Phillip Adcock, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST Scott Donaldson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH Edward E. Drake, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH Overseers - Billy Berry Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>GRACE FELLOWSHIP John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.</p> <p>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH Mark Cooper, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m. Wed. Even. Meeting... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>HOLY TEMPLE COGIC Glenwood, AL Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>INO BAPTIST CHURCH Garry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School... 8:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD Matthew Morris, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:15 p.m.</p> <p>KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIVING WORD CHURCH Derrick Stinson, Pastor Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m. Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Youth Service... 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST Greg Hanchey, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>LOVE'S WAY CHURCH Charles Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays</p> <p>MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH Dewey Enfinger, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Olan Strickland, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Christ Flowers, Minister Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Julian Mitchell, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. 1st, 4th Sun. Morn. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Lee Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON Terry McCrummen, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>PRASE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER Roy L. Turner, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH A. R. Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>SHADY GROVE AME James Boots, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill Sunday School... 11:00 a.m. Noon Worship... 12 noon Even. Service... 7:00 p.m. Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m. Wed Bible Class... 7:00 p.m. Fri Missionary Ser... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba Max Reed, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Tuesday Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH C.P. Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH Donald Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH Shayne Allen, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:45 p.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORY TABERNACLE Ruby Lawson, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Ken Wilson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH Tommy Green, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Kenneth Hagler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Donnie Marler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Cary Maulden, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p>
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LIFESTYLES



Elizabeth Gillian (pictured center), a member of a Montgomery DAR Chapter, was the installing officer for the incoming officers for 2021-2023. The officers include: Secretary Elizabeth Vickers; Parliamentarian Nancy Brunson; Treasurer Jane Harrod; Registrar Cathy Tallino; Regent Jacque Hawkins; Vice-Regent Gaye Hines; Librarian Martha Abernathy and Historian Nell Gilmer.

John Coffee DAR chapter installs officers for 2021-2023

The Daughters of the American Revolution [DAR] is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to preserving American history, securing America's future through better education and promoting patriotism. The National Society of the John Coffee DAR Chapter met recently to install officers for 2021-2023 and to honor some members for their accomplishments.

Jane Harrod, chapter treasurer, was honored by the outgoing Regent, Nell Gilmer, for her exemplary service as the chapter treasurer for the past 11 years. She was presented with one of Gilmer's coveted rugs.

Elizabeth Gillian, southeast district director for the Alabama Society DAR, presented pink roses to Nell Gilmer, regent for 2019-2021. Pink roses are a token of admiration when given to someone and stand for gratitude, grace and joy.

Longevity certificates were presented to Jean Russell (50 years); Claire Murphy (10 years); Martha Abernathy (10 years); Dona Jowers (25 years) and Nell Gilmer (40 years).

Elizabeth Gillian, who lives in Wetumpka and is a member of a Montgomery DAR Chapter, was the installing officer for the incoming officers for 2021-2023. They are: Secretary Elizabeth Vickers; Parliamentarian Nancy Brunson; Treasurer Jane Harrod; Registrar Cathy Tallino; Gillian; Regent Jacque Hawkins; Vice-Regent Gaye Hines; Librarian Martha Abernathy and Historian Nell Gilmer.

Gilmer passed the gavel to Hawkins as her last official act as Regent.

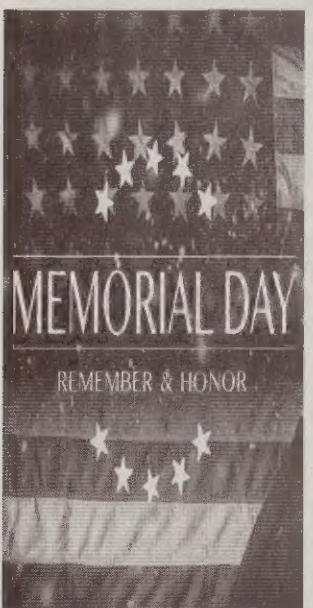
If interested in knowing more about becoming a member of DAR, contact Registrar Cathy Tallino at mrsnorwop@yahoo.com.

The DAR was founded Oct 11, 1890 and incorporated in 1896 by an Act of Congress. The motto is "God, Home and Country." Membership consists of approximately 185,000 members in 3,000 chapters in all 50 states and



READY FOR SOME SUMMER FUN? The Elba Splash Pad will open for the 2021 season on Friday, May 28, just in time for Memorial Day weekend. Typically, the Splash Pad is closed on Mondays for routine maintenance; however, for Memorial Day [Monday, May 31] it will be open!!

On a hot summer day, the Elba Splash Pad is the perfect place to cool down and have lots of fun!! The Splash Pad is located in downtown Elba at Tiger Town Park.



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Protect your patients against vaccine preventable diseases.

As healthcare professionals, it is up to you to ensure your patients remain up to date with their vaccines.

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- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis
- Human papillomavirus
- Meningococcal disease
- Influenza



For more information, please visit alabamapublichealth.gov/imm

Eligible persons age 60 and over can still get vouchers for Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program

The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) is a federally funded program administered by the Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries, Farmers Market Authority Section.

The SFMNP provides eligible seniors with \$30 in vouchers to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables from certified farmers at farmers markets and farm stands in the state of Alabama. Food benefits are available on a first come, first serve basis until available funds are committed.

Don't delay, complete an application today!!!!

Eligibility:

• Age — Must be 60 years of age or older on the day of application, AND

• Income — Applicants' gross household income must not exceed these limits:

\$1,756 monthly ... for a household of ... 1

\$2,371 monthly ... for a household of ... 2

Visit <http://fma.alabama.gov/SeniorNutrition/> if more than two people reside in the household.

How to apply:

Applicants must apply online on our website: <http://fma.alabama.gov>. Unfortunately applications cannot be accepted over the phone or by mail. If assistance is needed or for those with no computer, ask a relative, friend, church member, etc to complete the application for applicant with the information provided by

the applicant.

If approved, applicants will receive vouchers by mail at the address given on the application.

Applicants must reapply every year!

What can be purchased with the vouchers?

Fresh fruits; Fresh vegetables; Honey; Cut Herbs

Where can the vouchers be used?

Vouchers can be redeemed at State Certified Farmers Markets, Farm Stands and U-Pick Operations. To view a list by county, visit <http://www.fma.alabama.gov/FMCounty.aspx> or <http://agi.alabama.gov/docs/fma/RedemptionSites>

Vouchers cannot be used at a grocery store or any location that is not listed on our redemption site.

Opening Day for the Elba Farmers Market will be Saturday, June 5th!

8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Tiger Town Park in downtown Elba (595 W Collier St)

Growers Needed! If interested in being a vendor, message @ Elba Farmers Market on Facebook!

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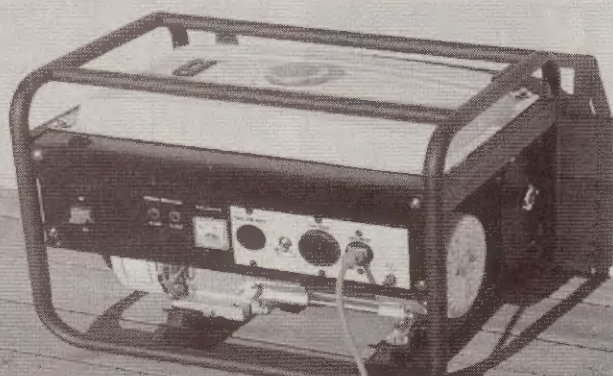
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Fredrick Charles McCarty

Case No. PC-2021-027

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA, Division
In the Matter of:
The Petition for Adoption by:

You are hereby given notice that a "Petition for Adoption" has been filed by Fredrick Charles McCarty to adopt the following minor child: B.M.S. born on APRIL 22, 2003. You are hereby given notice that you are required to file an Answer with the Clerk of Probate Court and with the Petitioner's attorney: Hon. Joe Sawyer at 203 South Edwards Street, Enterprise, Alabama 36330, within fourteen (14) days for the date of the last publication of this notice. An adoption hearing has been set for the



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Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of May 2021 by the Honorable, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

WITNESS my hand and seal this the 11th day of May 2021.

/s/ Linda P. Blair
Linda P. Blair
5-20,27&6-3-pd

/s/ Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
HON JODEE R. THOMPSON
PROBATE JUDGE
Coffee County, Alabama
5-13,20,27 & 6-3/chg

IN THE MATTER OF
JAMES HASTON BLAIR,
Deceased

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION
CASE NO: PC-2021-036

Additional
Public Notices
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COMMUNITY NEWS



CELEBRATING 54 YEARS of membership and service to the Graceville, FL, Lions Club, Coffee County native Lawrence "Sonny" Bryan is pictured with club president Stevie Harris and a colorful yellow and blue cake.

Coffee County native recognized for 54 years of dedicated service with Lions Club in Graceville, Fla.

Lions Club International founder Melvin Jones was once quoted stating, "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else." While many Lions around the world can probably recite the quote, only a select few can proudly say they live every day with the same dedication and love for community that the Lions Club International founder was known for having.

Coffee County, Ala. native and current Graceville, Fla. resident Lawrence "Sonny" Bryan has not only been a leader in the community and school system but also in the Graceville Lions Club where he became a member at the prime age of 36 and has continued that membership for 54 years.

Bryan was recognized for his 54-year continued membership with the Graceville Lions Club during the club's May meeting. He will be receiving the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award during the June Lions Club meeting. This award is known as being "the highest form of recognition and embodies humanitarian ideas consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism."

While grateful for the honor, Bryan remains humble thanking his members for thinking of him stating, "It felt good to be recognized but I wasn't expecting it."

A career educator, Bryan had a love for the community and its youth early on in his life. Wanting to do more, Bryan began looking into the local civic organizations and found that the Graceville Lions Club was where he belonged.

When asked what made him decide to join the area civic club all those years ago, he simply stated, "There was a lot of city men who were already in there and they seemed to do a lot for the community, so I

decided to join them."

Now 54 years later, Bryan said, "If you like something you stay with it and I really like the Lions Club and the people in it."

Fellow Lion Debbie Arnold spoke about Bryan and his dedication to the club stating, "Mr. Bryan is a faithful member of the Lion's Club. He never missed a meeting until COVID-19."

She continued speaking of the joy the club felt to have their longest-running member back at meetings adding, "I was so proud to see him at the last few meetings. He has been a dedicated member for 54 years and that is awesome."

Current Graceville Lions Club president Stevie Harris also spoke about Bryan and being able to serve with a member who has dedicated so much time to the club.

He stated, "It has been a joy to serve our community with Mr. Sonny Bryan in the Graceville Lions Club. Mr. Sonny has always been willing to help with club projects, fundraisers, and often gives input on finding ways to better serve our community."

He added, "What a blessing it is to have someone who has dedicated 54 years of their life to serving their community."

With 54 years of service, Bryan has many memories and stories that revolve around the Lions Club. He's also seen the Graceville Lions Club change and evolve in the past five decades but was quick to state, "There's been a lot of change, but there has always been a pancake breakfast, it's still the same after all these years and I really enjoy that."

He added that the Pancake Breakfast was his favorite fundraiser done by the Lions Club because of the tradition and fellowship that comes along with it.



IN ATTENDANCE for the special meeting were Bryan's children (far right) Jennifer Bryan and Kenneth Bryan. They are pictured with Bryan and club president Stevie Harris (far left).

Wilkerson named to UM Spring 2021 Chancellor's Honor Roll

Kendall Grace Wilkerson, of Elba, Ala., was recently named to the University of Mississippi's Spring 2021 Honor Roll lists. She is a graduate of Zion Chapel High School.

Wilkerson was named to the Chancellor's Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

"Our students on the Chancellor's Honor Roll are among the best and brightest at the University of Mississippi," said Chancellor Glenn Boyce. "I commend them for their hard work and dedication resulting in their incredible academic achievements and this well-deserved honor."

To be eligible for honor roll designation, a student must have completed at least 12 graded hours for the semester and may not be on academic probation during the semester.

Elba High School Alumni Association awards 2021 scholarships to Collin Harrison and Ivie Thomas

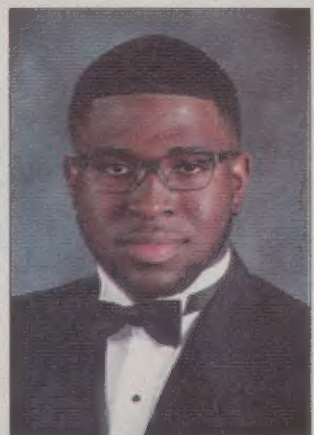
The Elba High School Alumni Association announced the recipients of the 2021 scholarships Wednesday, May 19, during the Senior Awards Day program at Elba High School.

Each year, the Alumni Association presents two \$1,500 monetary scholarships – one to a male graduating senior and one to a female graduating senior – for a total of \$3,000 annually. This year's recipients are Collin Harrison and Ivie Thomas.

"Awarding our two scholarships each year is something the association looks forward to, and it is great way to honor graduating seniors from our school as they make the transition from student to alumnus of Elba City Schools," said Linda Hodge, president of the Elba High School Alumni Association. "We were thrilled to be able to award this year's scholarships to Collin and Ivie."

They can now use the funds in way they choose at the school of their choice as each enters the world of higher education.

The funds are applied to each recipient's student account at the school of choice for use while there. "It does not matter if the student is planning to attend a 4-year college or university, junior/community college, trade school, or aviation school, any member of the senior class at Elba High



Collin Harrison



Ivie Thomas

monetary scholarships each year in 2016. Adding Harrison and Thomas to the recipient list for 2021 now brings the total amount of scholarships award by the alumni association to \$18,000 over the past six years.

"Again, we are super excited for Collin and Ivie, and we look forward to doing this again next May for two members of the Class of 2022," Hodge said. "If you are a member of the Class of 2022 or a parent of a member of the class, please make a note to apply for our scholarship. Check with the school counselor for more information next school year."

Beyond the annual scholarships, the Elba High School Alumni Association is committed to assisting Elba City Schools with any needs that may arise each year. Hodge said that commitment remains strong for the association.

The Elba High School Alumni Association began awarding the two \$1,500



4H shotgun club recognized at Coffee County Commission meeting

The EHS Shotgun Club is a 4H-sponsored youth team based in Enterprise, Ala. that competes in skeet, trap, and sporting clays. The club is open to 4H eligible members in Coffee County in 6th through 12th grades.

During the Monday, May 24, Coffee County Commission meeting, the team was recognized for recently bringing home several awards from the 4H State Shotgun

Championships, held in Childersburg, Ala.

The Junior Team brought home first place in skeet and third place in sporting clays. For scores, the junior team included Kade Waters, Grayson Thornton, Michael McDaniel, and Owen Waters.

Kade Waters won second place junior individual skeet, and Grayson Thornton won third place junior HOA.

PUBLIC NOTICES:

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES ANGUS GAINEY, JR. Deceased

Case NO: PC 2021-037

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATRIX

In the Matter of the Estate of Charles Angus Gainey, Jr., Deceased, Letters of Administration of said Deceased having been granted to Katie M. Roberts, Administratrix, on the 11th day of May, 2021, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate, Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claim against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within six (6) months after the grant of letters or within five (5) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, whichever is later to occur, or the same will be barred. s/ Jodee R Thompson The Honorable Jodee R Thompson Judge of Probate Coffee County, Alabama

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROSIE BELL WILLIAMS, Deceased

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO. PC-21-038

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Take notice that Letters Testamentary were granted to Patricia A. Dawson, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Rosie Bell Williams, deceased, on the 25th day of May, 2021, by the Judge of Probate for Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are

hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Patricia A. Dawson
Personal Representative
5/27& 6/3,10-pd

Two locals named to SNHU Winter 2021 President's List

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) announces the following students were named to the Winter 2021 President's List. The winter term runs from January to May.

Local students named to the list were: Christal Ingerman and Kierra Coxwell, both of Elba, Ala.

Full-time students who

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The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the "Court") has approved a class and has preliminarily approved a settlement with Golden Peanut Company, LLC, in a class action lawsuit captioned as *Re: Peanut Farmers Antitrust Litigation*, No. 2:19-cv-00463 (E.D. Va. 1/18/21 "Action").
The Defendants are: Golden Peanut Company LLC ("Golden Peanut"), Birdsong Corporation ("Birdsong"), and Olan Peanut Shelling Company ("Olan").
WHAT IS THIS CASE ABOUT?
The Defendants in this lawsuit, Golden Peanut, Birdsong, and Olan, are peanut shellers. Plaintiffs in this lawsuit are farmers who sell Runner Peanuts to the Defendants. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants conspired to suppress competition and to pay depressed prices to farmers in the United States for Runner Peanuts between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2019, in violation of federal antitrust laws. Plaintiffs further allege that because of the conspiracy, they and other farmers were injured because they were paid less for their Runner Peanuts than they would have been paid in the absence of the illegal conduct. The Defendants have denied and continue to deny Plaintiffs' claims.
On April 5, 2021, the Court approved settlements with Defendants Olan and Birdsong totaling \$57,750,000. More recently, the Court has preliminarily approved a \$45,000,000 settlement with Golden Peanut ("Settlement"). Collectively, the settlements with Olan, Birdsong, and Golden Peanut total \$102,750,000 ("Settlement Fund"). If the Settlement is approved the Action will be concluded as to all Defendants.
WHO IS IN THE CLASS?
You may be a member of the Class if you are a person or entity in the United States who sold Runner Peanuts to any of the Defendants, their subsidiaries or joint-ventures, from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2019. Specifically excluded from this Class are the Defendants, the officers, directors or employees of any Defendant, any entity in which any Defendant has a controlling interest, and any affiliate, legal representative, heir or assign of any Defendant.
A Notice was mailed to Class Members on or about May 14, 2021. The Notice, which is available at www.PeanutFarmersAntitrustLitigation.com, describes the litigation and options available to Class Members with respect to the Court's decision preliminarily approving the proposed Settlement. Class Counsel's request for attorney's fees, unrepresented litigation costs and expenses, and service awards for the Class

Representatives, and the proposed plan of distribution of the Settlement Fund to Class Members. Further information regarding the proposed Settlement is available at www.PeanutFarmersAntitrustLitigation.com. The website devoted to this Action. Please check the website to keep informed about any future developments.
If you believe you are a member of the Class, you are urged to obtain a copy of the Notice, which explains your rights regarding the settlements and related matter. The Notice is available at www.PeanutFarmersAntitrustLitigation.com.
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If you are a member of the Class and the Court finally approves the proposed Settlement, you will be able to share in the proceeds from the Settlement Fund, which will be allocated pursuant to a distribution plan approved by the Court. To share in the proceeds from the Settlement Fund, you must complete and timely file a Claim Form by July 13, 2021. If you do not submit a valid Claim Form by the deadline, you will not receive a payment from the Settlement Fund, but you will be bound by the Court's judgment in these actions. Your Claim Form was attached to the Notice that was mailed to you. If you believe you are a member of the Class and do not receive the Notice and Claim Form, you may send a written request for the Claim Form to the Settlement Administrator by mail or by email.
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You must also mail your objection by First Class U.S. Mail to Class Counsel and Counsel for the Settling Defendants at each of the following addresses:

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Counsel for Birdsong
Counsel for Golden Peanut

HEARING ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS
The Court has scheduled a hearing at 2:30 p.m. on July 28, 2021 to consider: (1) the proposed Settlement, (2) Class Counsel's request for attorney's fees, unrepresented litigation costs and expenses, and service awards for the Class Representatives, and (3) the proposed plan of distribution of settlement funds to Class Members. If the Settlement is approved the Action will be concluded as to all Defendants. Further information regarding the proposed Settlement and the hearing are available at www.PeanutFarmersAntitrustLitigation.com. The website devoted to this Action. Please check the website to keep informed about any future developments. The hearing may be continued without further notice to you, but any such changes will be noted on the website.
If you believe you are a member of the Class, you are urged to obtain a copy of the Notice, which explains your rights regarding the settlements and related matter.
If you have any questions concerning this litigation, you may contact the Settlement Administrator at (844) 754-7469 and Info@PeanutFarmersAntitrustLitigation.com.

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Dated May 14, 2021 BY ORDER OF:
THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson brought home an armful of certificates and hardware last week from the annual awards day celebration at the Elba Elementary School and was beaming from ear to ear when he told his 'ole granddaddy about his haul. All the students deserved a special award this year for surviving all the changes in school life because of the pandemic, but I guess two months off for summer vacation may be almost as good!

For what it is worth....

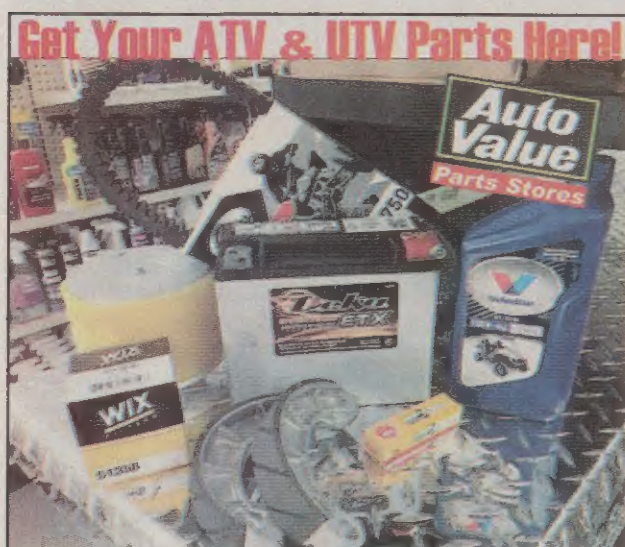
*** *The Brantley Lady Bulldogs* continued their amazing run in high school softball last week as they claimed their fifth state championship in the past seven years and did so with only two seniors on the roster. The Lady Bulldogs appeared vulnerable early in the season and lost twelve games during the regular season, but came to life late and once the post-season started they rolled to ten straight wins to bring home yet another state championship trophy. State tournament MVP Kaylee Navarre is only a sophomore and pitched every inning for the Lady Bulldogs at the state tournament, and has more than enough experienced underclassmen around her to make Brantley the prohibitive favorite to be back in the hunt for a title next season. A lot of smaller schools have successful runs in sports when a group of talented students come through, but there were players on this year's team that were only in the third grade when the current streak started, and that is simply amazing. Great job girls!

*** *If you are a softball fan* last week was one of the best ever as the high school state tournament was held at Oxford and regional tournaments were held at numerous colleges all across the nation. Brantley won the 1A state title to grab the headlines, but at the college level the state of Alabama was also in the news as Alabama, Auburn, South Alabama Troy and Alabama State all made the NCAA field. Oh yea, just to make sure all the Brantley fans kept up with the college games, former Lady Bulldog standout Leanna Johnson was the starting pitcher in the Lady Trojans region opener. I have to admit I watched more golf than softball. However, it was a great week to be a softball fan.

*** *The wind made fishing a little difficult* last week at the Coffee County Lake, but not for longtime lake visitor Carl Kilcrease, who fished only once, but caught his limit with six catfish that weighed in at just over 14 pounds. Carl loves to catch catfish, and in six trips to the lake this month has caught a total of 92 pounds of fish. I guess you could say he knows where the catfish hang out, and definitely knows how to catch 'em.

*** *In closing....* The state high school baseball championship series were held last week in Montgomery and it was not the best of weeks for public schools as private schools took home the 'blue maps' in four of the seven classifications. Phil Campbell (3A), Russellville (5A) and Auburn (7A) did take home state titles, while Bayshore Christian (1A), Westbrook Christian (2A), Mobile Christian (4A) and Faith Academy (6A) all to home state championship crowns. I still believe that public schools and private schools should separate once the playoffs begin to make it fair!

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With fifth state title

Brantley coach gets 'one for the thumb'

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs gave head softball coach Cindy Hawthorne state championship rings in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2018. Now she has one for the thumb!

The top-ranked Brantley Lady Bulldogs reinforced their status as one of Alabama's top high school softball programs last week with a dominating run through the AHSAA Class 1A state softball tournament to claim their fifth state championship in the past seven years.

"We were just trying to come back and leave everything on the field since we didn't get to play last year," said Coach Cindy Hawthorne. "We knew we had a bullseye on our back every time we took the field, but our motto all season was to finish strong. We only had two seniors on this year's team, and what a way for them to go out! We've just been blessed here at Brantley and it has been a real blessing to coach these girls."

Brantley opened the eight-team state tournament on Tuesday morning with a big 10-0 win over Cedar Bluff. The Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead early and pulled away late, as they opened up a 4-0 lead in the third inning and added six runs in their final two at-bats. Kayden Dunn had 2 hits, including a home run, scored 3 runs and knocked

in 2 runs to lead the Lady Bulldogs at the plate, while Kaylee Navarre added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Ainsley Watts added 2 hits, including a triple, and scored 2 runs; and, Campbell Hawthorne added 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Kaylee Navarre was the winning pitcher as she tossed a complete game 2-hit shutout with 17 strikeouts.

Brantley tangled with Skyline in the second game of opening day action and posted a hard-earned 4-2 win. The Lady Bulldogs scored three runs in the middle innings of the game to break a 1-1 tie and held on for the exciting win. Ainsley Watts had 2 hits, including a double, and 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs at the plate, while Sheonte Barginere added a double, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Campbell Hawthorne added 1 hit and 1 rbi; and, Kayden Dunn and Lauren Hudson both added 1 hit. Kaylee Navarre picked up her second win of the day inside the circle as she pitched a complete game 3-hitter with 11 strikeouts.

Brantley took the field for its third game of the day in the winner's bracket finals and continued to add up the wins as it claimed an impressive 7-2 win over Appalachian. The Lady Bulldogs trailed 2-0 early, but came battling back as they used a 3-run outburst in the third inning to grab

a 4-2 lead and then added 3 more runs in the seventh to seal the deal on the win. Kaylee Navarre had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs at the plate, while Lauren Hudson added 2 hits and scored 1 run; Kayden Dunn added a double, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Ainsley Watts added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Kaylee Navarre got the win inside the circle as she pitched seven innings and allowed one earned run on three hits, while recording 13 strikeouts.

Brantley jumped ahead early on a 3-run homer by Kayden Dunn and then pulled away late to claim the state title with an impressive 11-3 win over Skyline, Wednesday night at Oxford. The Lady Bulldogs took command early on the first of Dunn's two home runs of the game, and then scored seven runs in their final two trips to the plate to put an exclamation mark on the state title win. Ainsley Watts had 3 hits, including a home run and a double,



MVP - Brantley pitcher Kaylee Navarre was named the MVP of the 1A state softball tournament after pitching four complete games to lead the Lady Bulldogs to their fifth state title.

scored 2 runs and knocked in 4 runs to spark the Lady Bulldogs at the plate, while Kayden Dunn blasted two home runs, scored 3 runs and had 4 rbi's; Lauren Hudson added two doubles and scored 2 runs; Sheonte Barginere added 1 hit, a home run, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Campbell Hawthorne added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Kaylee Navarre was the winning pitcher as she scattered seven hits in seven innings, allowed three earned runs and recorded seven strikeouts.

New Brockton varsity closes spring drills with 20-18 win

The New Brockton Gamecocks wrapped up spring football drills recently with a 20-18 win over Florala, in three quarters of varsity action, while the Gamecocks JV dropped an 8-0 decision in a one quarter contest.

New Brockton scored first in the varsity game, but then had to come from behind twice to claim the exciting win. The Gamecocks touchdowns in the spring game came on runs of 1 and 41 yards by Kaden Cupp, and a 1-yard run by Jamarcus Brown. Logan McCoy was successful on two of three extra-point attempts.

Cupp rushed for 152 yards and 2 touchdowns on 15 carries to spark the New Brockton offense, while Brown rushed for 27 yards and one td on 11 carries.

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7 tackles to lead the Gamecocks defense, while Cameron Curry and Michael Siniard both had 3 tackles and 1 sack, Karyus McNabb added 3 tackles and a pass interception, and Baylon Foster also had a pass interception.

The New Brockton junior varsity managed only 22 yards of total offense in three possessions in the loss, in the final quarter of action.



Gamecock quarterback Kaden Cupp (18) rushed for 142 yards and 2 td's in last week's spring football win over Florala.

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